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SUBJECT: FIRST SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN FRENCH LABOR MARKET

1. ACCORDING TO LATEST MINISTRY OF LABOR STATISTICS,
THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS REGISTERED WITH THE EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES DECLINED FROM 1,017,357 IN JANUARY 1976 TO 848,342
AT END OF MAY.

2. NUMBER OF YOUNG NEW ENTRANTS INTO THE LABOR FORCE
DECLINED FROM 134,781 IN JANUARY 1976 TO 86,315 IN MAY,
BUT THEIR NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO RISE AT THE END OF THE SUMMER
VACATION WHEN THE YOUNG BEGIN TO GET SERIOUS
ABOUT LOOKING FOR A JOB. OF THE 314,000 REGISTERED JOB
SEEKERS UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE, TWO-THIRDS HAD PREVIOUS
WORK EXPERIENCE IN OCCASIONAL, TEMPORARY OR UNSATISFACTORY
JOBS.

3. WITH 436,097 JOB APPLICATIONS WOMEN ACCOUNTED FOR
HALF OF ALL REGISTERED JOB SEEKERS AND OVER TWO-THIRDS
OF THE UNDER-25 GROUP.

4. JOB OPENINGS INCREASED STEADILY FROM 98,404 IN
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JANUARY 1976 TO 141,607 IN MAY, WHICH IS 37 PERCENT OVER THE

CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1975. MOST JOB OFFERS, 90,531, ORIGINATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, WHILE 48,883 OPENINGS CAME FROM TERTIARY ACTIVITIES WHERE NO LESS THAN 453.914 JOB APPLICANTS ARE COMPETING FOR THESE VACANCIES.

5. NON-EC FOREIGN WORKERS ACCOUNTED FOR SLIGHTLY OVER 10 PERCENT OF THE JOBLESS AND, IN THEIR MAJORITY, WERE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN UNSKILLED OR SEMI-SKILLED OCCUPATIONS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT FOREIGN WORKERS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE, THE 10 PERCENT RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT ABOVE CONFIRMS ONCE AGAIN THE FACT THAT THE RECESSION HAS AFFECTED EQUALLY FRENCH AND NON-FRENCH WORKERS.

6. THE PARIS REGION RECORDED THE HIGH SCORE OF 207,600 JOB APPLICANTS FOR 31,088 JOB OPENINGS. THIS RATIO, HOWEVER, WAS EXCEEDED BY THE PROVENCE COTE-D'AUVERGNE AREA, WHERE 83,600 JOB SEEKERS OUTNUMBERED JOB VACANCIES ELEVEN TO ONE.

7. COMMENT: ANY OPTIMISM THAT THESE FIRST SIGNS OF AN IMPROVED LABOR MARKET MIGHT HAVE CONSPIRED WAS DAMPENED BY THE INSEE STATISTICIANS WHO IN A STUDY RELEASED ON JULY 8 PREDICTED 11 PERCENT INFLATION AND 1,100,000 UNEMPLOYED BY THE END OF 1976. THE CURRENT SEVERE DROUGHT IS NOT LIKELY TO HELP GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO REDUCE BOTH INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.
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